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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is pleased to announce the Federal Register notice of availability of the Record of Decision for the *Final Vegetation Treatments Using Aminopyralid, Fluroxypyr, and Rimsulfuron on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* (Final PEIS). This document is the result of extensive public involvement and outlines the specific decisions, standard operating procedures, and mitigation measures based on the Final PEIS concerning the use of herbicides in the BLM's integrated pest management program. The BLM assessed three alternatives for herbicide use and has selected the preferred alternative in the Final PEIS to approve the use of three new herbicide active ingredients on public lands, increasing the number of active ingredients approved for use on BLM public lands from 18 to 21.

The Record of Decision defers to approved land use plans to determine the number of acres to be treated through the integrated pest management program and makes no land use or resource allocations in this regard. Please check with your local field or district offices concerning local vegetation treatment actions and how they will be implemented. The BLM consulted with both the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act prior to issuing this decision. Results of those consultations are included into the Record of Decision.

The *Final Vegetation Treatments Using Aminopyralid, Fluroxypyr, and Rimsulfuron on Bureau of Land Management Lands in 17 Western States Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement* and Record of Decision are available at <http://blm.gov/3vkd>. If you would like a CD copy of the Record of Decision, please contact Kim Anderson, AECOM, 1111 3rd Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98101 or by email at blm_wo_vegeis@blm.gov. The BLM thanks everyone who participated in this effort and looks forward to continued collaboration and success in reducing the threat of noxious weeds, invasive species, and hazardous fuels on public lands.

Sincerely,

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